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Per reftel, Emboffs delivered word that Bulgaria would not be placed on the 2008 Special 301 Watch List to Deputy Minister of Culture and head of Bulgaria's Interagency IPR Council Yavor Milushev April 24. Milushev welcomed the news, stating the 301 report and recommendations helped the GOB judge its own progress on IPR and pointed out areas where Bulgaria still had significant work ahead. Due to Milushev's travel schedule, we agreed to discuss the report and remaining areas of concern in depth on April 30.

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